

Michael McLaughlin

From: Michael McLaughlin
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:57 AM
To: 'Johndel Jones-Brown'; 'Cindy Murray'
Cc: Liz Park; Rosalind Ceasar; Edward Putens; Emmett Jordan; Judith Davis; Konrad Herling; Leta Mach; Ed Putens (Work); Rodney Roberts; Silke Pope
Subject: RE: Greenbelt schools

Mr. Jones-Brown

Thank you for the detailed explanation. I will review the matter with the City Council.

Council – this matter will be placed on the January 23 agenda for discussion.

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From: Johndel Jones-Brown [<mailto:j.jonesbrown@pgcps.org>]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:51 AM
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Sorry for the delay in responding to your inquiry. The letter which was submitted regarding Greenbelt Station was received by the CEO and was shared with this office along with other input arising from the community forums held in October. The letter from the City of Greenbelt and other input received during the community forums is summarized as part of the [meeting summaries on the PGCPs Website](#). There were follow-up meetings held to discuss some of the topics raised in the community forums most notably, the adjustment of boundaries in the Accokeek area and the future of Tanglewood Regional School. No further community discussions are planned but additional boundaries studies are planned for the Capitol Heights / District Heights area and the Tayac Area. These additional studies would not result in boundary adjustments for the 2017-2018 school year but may result in future boundary recommendations.

Based on our assessment of the issues touched on and suggestions by the public and civic officials, the Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries recommended to the Chief Executive Officer adjustments to boundaries to address a subset of those issues. Adjustments to the school assignments for Greenbelt Station were not among this department's recommendations. Dr. Maxwell accepted our recommendations and has scheduled a First Reader on January 19th to transmit his recommendations to the Board of Education. A public hearing on his recommendations is planned for the week of February 5th. At that public hearing, the City of Greenbelt can comment on the adjustments proposed by Dr. Maxwell as well as advocate for additional actions to address Greenbelt Station school assignments. Action by the Board of Education on Dr. Maxwell's recommendations is anticipated on February 23rd.

While the City's advocacy for adjustment to the school assignments for Greenbelt Station did not result in a recommendation by Dr. Maxwell to the Board of Education at this time, it did serve to further sensitize Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries, the CEO and the Board of Education to the City's concerns. I would anticipate that any future adjustment of school boundaries would consider the City preferences as outlined in the letter of October 19 along with the other factors impacting the recommended boundaries. Thank you and the members of the Greenbelt City for your efforts in support of education for the children of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

Respectfully,

/johndel jones-brown

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On Sat, Jan 7, 2017 at 11:37 AM, Michael McLaughlin <mmclaughlin@greenbeltmd.gov> wrote:

Mr. Jones-Brown

The Greenbelt City Council sent a letter dated October 19, 2016 to Dr. Maxwell requesting that children in the Greenbelt Station neighborhood be assigned to Greenbelt Elementary, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The letter was submitted for consideration with any school boundary changes under consideration for the 2017-18 school year. When you met with the Council, you mentioned Community Forums which would occur related to school boundary changes.

Has your office received the city's letter? Are there any further actions the city should be taking to advocate its position? Are there any community forums on school boundaries scheduled over the next few months?

Thanks very much. Please reply all with your response.

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City Manager